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SUBJECT: GON REQUEST FOR CROP-DUSTING

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1. AID/W CONCURS WITH COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED REF (A).
ALTHOUGH WE NOTE DAKAR IDENTIFIED CROP DUSTING AIRCRAFT
PER REF (C) AID/W ASSESSMENT IS THAT LOWER PRICE NOT SUFFICIENT TO COMPENSATE FOR LARGE SCALE COVERAGE AFFORDED
BY DC-3. ADDITIONAL FACTOR WHICH SUPPORTS UTILIZATION OF
EVERGREEN IS THE PROPOSAL PER PARA 7 REF (A) WHICH INTENDS
TO PROVIDE GON WITH OWN LARGE SCALE CROP-SPRAYING CAPABILITY. THIS COURSE OF ACTION EMINENTLY IN LINE WITH R AND R
GOALS AND IS SOUNDLY BASED EXTENSION OF QUASI-EMERGENCY
ACTION. ONLY CAVEAT WHICH AID/W OFFERS IS THAT GIVEN PREEMINENCE OF CIDA IN NIGER CROP-PROTECTION ACTIVITIES SUCH
LONGER RANGE ASPECTS OF DEVELOPING GON PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES
SHOULD BE FULLY COORDINATED WITH CIDA ACTIVITY MANAGERS.
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- 2. AID/W AGAIN EMPHASIZES NECESSITY FOR RDO TO COMPLY WITH ACTION REQUIREMENT PER PARA 5 REF (B) PRIOR TO AID/W ISSUING FINAL APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH GON.
- 3. AID/W NOTES ASSURANCES THAT SUFFICIENT PESTICIDES ARE,

OR WILL BE, AVAILABLE AND ASSUMES THAT ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASE OF SAME WILL BE BORNE BY GON OR OTHER DONORS; WOULD ANTICIPATE SEEING GON INTEREST/PRIORITY THIS ACTIVITY REFLECTED IN AIL SCOPE OF WORK AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS.

4. IN TELECON WITH MR. BERNARD OF EVERGREEN HELICOPTERS HE ACKNOWLED; ED RECEIPT OF JULY 29 TELEX FROM LAMBACHER. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, NECESSITY TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL TELEX FROM GON REQUESTED EVERGREEN TO PROCEED. THIS REQUEST BASED ON FACT THAT CONTRACT WILL BE BETWEEN EVERGREEN AND GON RATHER THAN USG. INGERSOLL

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